



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Department of Agricultural Commissioner/ Weights and Measures

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Chief Deputy

July 12, 2006

Gloria Molina, Supervisor, First District
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Dear Supervisor Molina:

We respectfully request that you place on the August 8, 2006, Board of Supervisors agenda a presentation to a leading Los Angeles County Certified Farmers' Market Manager. We would also appreciate your directing that a scroll be produced for that presentation.

We sponsor and manage a "Certified Farmers' Market on the Civic Center Mall" each year in August. Begun in 2001, the event celebrates National Farmers' Market Week and serves to promote certified farmers' markets in Los Angeles County, the largest population of such markets in any California county.

In celebration of this year's event, we wish to acknowledge the steadfast dedication to direct marketing exhibited by Ms. Pompea Smith, who operates five successful and popular markets and who has, as you know, been working with your office in the establishment of a new market to serve the East Los Angeles community.

We suggest the language of the scroll be:

In appreciation of her many years of dedicated service to the Certified Farmers' Market Program, the County of Los Angeles recognizes Pompea Smith.

Whereas, Pompea Smith has worked diligently this year to establish a new certified farmers' market to bring more farm-fresh produce to the communities of East Los Angeles; and

Whereas, she was instrumental in starting the "Bring the Farm to School" Program, in cooperation with the Los Angeles Unified School District Nutrition Network, to teach children about agriculture, its value and necessity, and the sources of their food; and

Whereas, she has spent four years been teaching food and nutrition to adults through grants from Kaiser Permanente and the California Department of Health Services; and

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Whereas, she has served for ten years as an active member of the Certified Farmers' Market Advisory Committee (CFMAC), which advises the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture on certified farmers' market issues; and

Whereas, she has been a Certified Farmers' Market Manager who organizes and coordinates five successful and popular markets with the goal of promoting the sale of fresh California-grown produce directly from the farmer to the consumer.

Therefore, be it resolved that the County of Los Angeles recognizes and congratulates Pompea Smith for her significant efforts in promoting the growth and integrity of the Certified Farmers' Market Program while fostering a strong working relationship with local government and benefitting the community and the consumer alike.

If there are any questions, your staff may contact Deputy Director Paul Dufourd at (562) 940-7851.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kurt E. Floren", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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